**विद्यमान पंजीकृत एजेंसियां 31 दिसम्बर, 1994 तक वर्तमान निबंधनों के अनुसार अपना व्यापार जारी रख सकती हैं और तब तक उनके द्वारा 25,000/- रुपए की बैंक गारंटी अवश्य जमा कराई जानी चाहिए।

Effect of ongoing war among Electronic Media Magnets on Doordarshan

399. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a sort of war is going on among electronic media magnets;

(b) if so, how Doordarshan will be affected by it; and

(c) whether Government are planning to control foreign channels to protect the society from the foreign cultural invasion?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Competition amongst different satellite TV Channels is a global phenomenon.

(b) Doordarshan will be affected by such competition by way of reduced viewership and a decreasing share in the advertisement expenditure in the country.

(c) A broadcasting bill is proposed to be introduced in the current session of Parliament to meet this challenge.

Coverage of Satellite T.V. Network in Bihar

400. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the districts and important towns in the country have been brought under satellite T.V. relay network;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many important towns and cities of Bihar have not been brought under the network; details thereof; and

(d) by when they are likely to be brought under the network?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Satellite derived services of Doordarshan are available throughout the country by using an appropriate dish antenna system.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Pay parity between the Engineering and Programme staff of AIR and Doordarshan

401. SHRI P. SOUNDARARAJAN:
SHRI JOY NADUKKARA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 367 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27.3.1996 and State:

(a) the present position of the pay-parity between the Engineering staff and programme staff of AIR and Doordarshan; and

(b) steps Government envisage to remove the anomaly?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) The issue of anomaly in the pay-scales between the Engineering Staff and the Programme Staff of AIR and Doordarshan was referred to the Ministry of Finance and the Vth Central Pay Commission. Since the recommendations of the Commission have already been submitted to the Ministry of Finance, the anomaly is expected to be resolved on the decision of the Government on the relevant recommendation of the Commission.

Guidelines for Telecast of T.V. Programmes

402. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been requested to issue guidelines for telecasting programmes on T.V.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any action on these requests so far; and